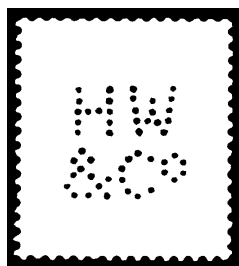


**“LW or HW”?**  
**Roy Gault**

Another query, this time from **Rosemary Smith**, has produced the following suggestion. Rosemary has six examples of KEVII ½d (gn) Postal Stationery cut-outs with “LW/C<sup>o</sup>” (L5820.03), but with various pins missing, one of which is postmarked London, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1904. However, two do show a full “LW” on the top line, and two show “EC” postmarks. Now this die matches “HW/&C<sup>o</sup>” (H7710.02), which Tomkins states was used 1885-1905 by Hitchcock, Williams & Co, London EC, although I’m suspicious of the 1905 date!

Could it be that “HW/&C<sup>o</sup>” was ‘re-furbished’ as “LW/C<sup>o</sup>” c1896 and used by the ‘London Woollen Co Ltd’ of Little Love Lane, London EC say 1896-1905? We know the ‘London Woollen Co Ltd’ used “LW/C<sup>o</sup>.” (L5825.01) from c1905 to c1915, which ties in neatly.

**1885-1896**



**H7710.02**

Dates: 24 Sep 1887 - 20 Mar 1896.

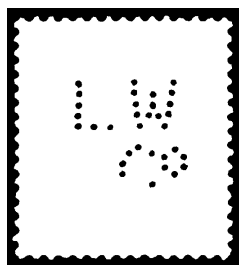
Issues: B 1d (16 dots)

D 3d

E ½d (verm), 1½d-3d, 4½d, 6d

Pmks: London, Gla(sgo)w, and Birmingham.

**1896-1905**



**L5820.03**

Dates: 10 June 1897 - 14 May 1904.

Issues: B 1d (16 dots)

E ½d (both), 2d, 6d

F ½d (bl-gn), 1d, 5d, 6d

QV & KEVII Postal Stationery.

Pmks: London EC.

***Please report any additional values, issues, dates etc to those listed above to help confirm or shoot down the ‘re-furbishment’ suggestion.***